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GLOBAL HEALTH COUNCIL: FRIST-LUGAR BILL HOLDS PROMISE OF REDUCING GLOBAL SHORTAGE OF TRAINED HEALTH WORKERS

Dr. Nils Daulaire, President and CEO of the Global Health Council, welcomed the introduction of The Global Health Corps Act of 2005 by Senators Bill Frist (R-TN) and Richard Lugar (R-IN), which creates a program to encourage Americans to provide health care and related services to needy countries. The bill would create the Office of the Global Health Corps within the Department of Health and Human Services, which will coordinate and implement the new volunteer service and training program.

“We welcome this important step in addressing one of the great challenges of successful global health work—the lack of trained personnel overseas. In recent years, the President and the Congress have significantly increased funding for global health programs, especially for global HIV/AIDS,” said Dr. Daulaire, “but global health problems are worsened by the scarcity trained health care workers. This legislation will help expand the cadre of health care professionals available to close this gap. It will also make it much simpler for American health professionals to donate some of their time and training to a great cause. We look forward to working with Senator Frist and Senator Lugar to help enact their proposal into law.”

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